

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 4, 2012**

**STATE BOARD ROOM
1ST FLOOR, CAPITAL PLAZA TOWER
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on April 4, 2012, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Karem called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked everyone to please turn off or mute their cell phones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Karem then announced the following:

- Additions need to be made to the agenda as follows:
 - For Item XV. Approval of Action/Consent Items, B. 2011-2012 Local District Tax Rates Levied should be added.
 - After Item XVII., an agenda item titled Report of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee on Action/Discussion Items should be added.
 - After the Hearing Officer's Report, Item XI.B., fourth item, the board will be doing a special recognition prior to recessing for lunch.
- A corrected agenda can be found on the materials table and in the board's meeting folders.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Dorie Combs, Judy Gibbons, Billy Harper, Martha Jones, David Karem, Robert King, Roger Marcum, Jonathan Parrent, and Mary Gwen Wheeler. William Twyman was absent. Brigitte Ramsey joined the meeting at approximately 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1, 2012, REGULAR MEETING

Chair David Karem asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 31-February 1, 2012, regular meeting minutes. Since no additions or corrections were suggested, Martha Jones then moved approval of the minutes and Mary Gwen Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW KDE EMPLOYEES AND KDE TEAM MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Commissioner Terry Holliday introduced the following new Kentucky Department of Education employees:

Office of Administration and Support

- Cathy Gallagher, Child Nutrition Program Consultant, Division of School and Community Nutrition
- Kyra Vermillion, Administrative Specialist III, Division of Resource Management
- Susan Smith, Assistant Director, Division of District Support
- Pari Ziebart, Graduate Accountant III, Division of District Support
- Jason Kendall, Internal Policy Analyst II, Division of Budget and Financial Management

Office of Next Generation Learners

- Kathie Anderson, Education Academic Program Consultant, Division of Learning Services
- Nick Easter, Exceptional Children Program Consultant, Division of Learning Services
- Lorrie Devers, Education Academic Program Consultant, Division of Next Generation Professionals
- Carol Leggett, Education Academic Program Consultant, Division of Next Generation Professionals
- Jennifer Smith, Education Academic Program Consultant, Division of Next Generation Professionals
- Audrey Proctor, Education Academic Program Consultant, Division of Next Generation Professionals

Office of District 180:

- Gayle Bartilow, Education Administration Branch Manager, Division of Student Success

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CABINET

Secretary Joe Meyer gave the following report:

- Phil Rogers has announced his retirement as head of the Education Professional Standards Board. The work product of this board over the last several years has been extraordinary and substantive. Phil's leadership will be greatly missed.
- On the legislative front during this session, there were a number of victories and a number of disappointments. The Early Childhood Advisory Council reorganization and Executive Order was not confirmed and must be resubmitted. In the proprietary education area, the legislature reorganized this with a new commission and assigned it to the Education Cabinet. Regarding the Career and Technical Education reorganization, it did not pass even though there was strong support in both chambers. However, Representative Rollins' districts of innovation and career pathways bill was approved.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

President King submitted a written report and made the following additional comments:

- The launch of the latest Gear-Up grant occurred two weeks ago and we continue to believe this program is making a tangible difference in getting students into higher education.
- The Council on Postsecondary Education staff conducted two major conferences in the last few weeks. The first was a national conference that hosted 22 states to learn about the role higher education can play in implementing the Common Core Standards. The second was a conference on promoting student success with attendance of about 300 faculty and administrators from institutions across the state.
- A meeting occurred last week that included Kentucky Board of Education member Mary Gwen Wheeler as a representative of the 55,000 Degrees organization, Louisville's mayor and the Jefferson County superintendent to look at how to improve outcomes for Jefferson County students.
- There is growing attention around improving teacher education programs because teachers must be able to deliver the Common Core Standards. A meeting is being held with the college and university presidents today on this topic.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

Dr. Phillip Rogers was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his written report.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Commissioner Terry Holliday noted that his written report was submitted and offered the following additional comments:

- Recently, I made visits to Morgan and Magoffin Counties and the cleanup efforts going on are amazing due to the tremendous damage by tornadoes. The department is working

closely with those districts and the spirit and can-do attitude is evident with school being up and running in less than a week.

- A new communication to General Assembly members has been started to apprise them of when I will be in schools located in their legislative districts. Yesterday, Representative Edmonds joined me in the visit to Breathitt County.
- The new student advisory council has been started and I will be seeking their advice on key issues.
- Regarding Roger Marcum's questions on the PARC and Smarter Balance Consortiums, the department has been in both consortiums for quite a while but now chose PARC due to staff capacity issues and the fact that PARC is moving toward developing a general assessment. Additionally, President King and Sue Cain are working with PARC and it seems to be a better fit to Kentucky's needs. However, nothing prohibits the use of what either consortia develops. In 2014-2015, Kentucky will decide if it wants to switch to what is being developed and the board will weigh-in on the decision.
- I am also involved in two national initiatives related to teacher preparation. First, the Council of Chief State School Officers is working hard to develop a roadmap for teacher preparation program measures and accountability that states could adopt and I am part of this process. Second, I am also on an advisory panel to develop standards around teacher preparation accreditation.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

The following items of good news were reported by the noted individuals:

Brigitte Ramsey - Our own Judy Gibbons received the A. D. Albright Outstanding Governmental Leadership Award at the 2012 Excellence in Education Celebration on March 29. The celebration was given jointly by the Northern Kentucky Education Council and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. The award is given in honor of Dr. A.D. Albright, former President of Northern Kentucky University, who was committed to the quality of this region's educational excellence.

We wholeheartedly echo that Judy is very deserving of this recognition and I ask you to join me in offering congratulations to our colleague and friend, Judy Gibbons.

Billy Harper - More than 6,000 students, educators and parents gathered at the seventh annual Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) State Championship on March 22 at Rupp Arena and the Lexington Convention Center. STLP is a project-based learning program that empowers students in all grade levels to use technology to learn and achieve. It was established in 1994 by the STLP State Advisory Council, which is composed of teachers, students and community leaders. The program is open to all students in all grade levels in every school in Kentucky.

P-12 students from across the state showed what they know and can do with technology in arts, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and many marketable career skills by participating in 42 different STLP learning categories. Out of nearly 500 projects, three schools were named Best in State in Project Showcase. The three schools will attend the International Society of Technology Education (ISTE) Conference in San Diego, Calif., June 23-26, representing STLP as Student Showcases. Those schools are Oakview Elementary in Ashland Independent, James E. Bazzell Middle School in Allen County and Woodford County High School.

Showcase Project Runners-up schools were Hager Elementary in Ashland Independent, Simmons Elementary in Woodford County, Temple Hill Elementary in Barren County, Lone Oak Middle in McCracken County, South Warren Middle in Warren County, Bowling Green High in Bowling Green Independent and West Jessamine High in Jessamine County.

Join me in congratulating both the Best in State and the Showcase Project Runners-up schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT

The following individual came forward to speak during this portion of the meeting:

- Kathryn Aqua – KSB/KSD funding

UPDATE ON USE OF TELL KENTUCKY SURVEY DATA

Division Director Michael Dailey and Ann Maddock with the New Teacher Center came forward to present an update on the TELL Kentucky Survey data. Ms. Maddock began the presentation using a PowerPoint to summarize the data, findings and recommendations from the final report on the survey. Ms. Maddock indicated that the findings included the following:

- Overall, Kentucky educators are satisfied with the teaching and learning conditions in their schools.
- Positive views of school leadership are related to quality standards, teacher assessment and school-based decision making councils, but more attention may be needed in areas related to conditions that build trust and mutual respect.
- Community support and involvement is most strongly connected with school-level performance.
- Community support and involvement in school leadership are critical influences on teachers' future employment plans.
- Many beginning teachers are reporting that supports are in place to help them adjust to their new work environment and enable them to do their best work.

- Principals are positive about district supports and more positive about whether conditions are in place across schools than teachers.

Additionally, Maddock shared five general areas for recommendations from the report as follows:

- Support schools and districts in understanding and improving teaching conditions.
- Help school leadership establish positive teaching and learning conditions in every school.
- Support schools in engaging the broader community in efforts to understand and improve working conditions.
- Ensure that every new teacher is inducted into the profession and receives more frequent support to improve instruction.
- Continue to provide systemic opportunities for teachers to grow professionally and participate in decisions that impact their schools and classrooms.
- Use TELL KY and other mechanisms to collect educators' views on teaching and learning conditions to inform local and state human capital decisions.

At this point, Dorie Combs asked that for the next administration of the survey that possible amendments include reasons for leaving the profession and also the total percent of those leaving the profession.

At this point, Associate Commissioner Susan Allred talked about how District 180 staff are using the data from the TELL Kentucky Survey. She indicated that the Educational Recovery Directors talk about this data with schools and districts in a systematic way. Allred noted that the Educational Recovery Staff and all persistently low-achieving schools go back and work with teachers on this data to emphasize to them it is their data, ask them what the data says and determine what could be changed to make a difference in the lives of teachers and students. She said that once this is identified, then it becomes part of the school improvement plan. Allred summarized that in the persistently low-achieving schools, this data informs the conversation for community engagement and support to help clarify everyone's roles.

DATA QUALITY AND KENTUCKY P-20 DATA SYSTEM

Associate Commissioner David Couch and Charles McGrew, P-20 Data Collaborative Director, came forward to present on this agenda item. Associate Commissioner Couch talked about the historic event of bringing data systems together and locating a P-20 system at the Cabinet level. He noted that additional dollars are being sought and that the leaders of the department, Council on Postsecondary Education and Education Professional Standards Board are working together to ensure a coordinated effort on data. Couch noted that Kentucky has the edge of having a centralized system and emphasized the need to correct and respect the authoritative source within the system.

Next, Charles McGrew used a PowerPoint presentation to present the following information:

- What is the Kentucky P-20 collaborative?
 - Funded through U.S. Department of Education grant through April 2012
 - Authorized by Executive Order
 - Current member agencies are Kentucky Department of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education and Education Professional Standards Board
 - Governed by the P-20 Collaborative Governance Group, which is chaired by the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and whose members include the CPE President, KDE Commissioner and EPSB Executive Director
- What is the purpose of the P-20 data collaborative?
 - To provide better, more timely information to inform decisions and policy makers than has been available previously
- How does it work?
 - The data sources produce reports via a web portal for agencies, the state, researchers, P-20 staff and the public.
 - Examples of the types of reports provided by the system were given including the percentage of 2010 graduates attending college in 2010-2011, percentages of 2010 Kentucky high school graduates ready for college mathematics, how well high school GPA and ACT composites are aligned, and the Kentucky High School Feedback Report.
- Upcoming reports were listed as well as upcoming white papers.

Roger Marcum then asked the status of the School Safety Report and Commissioner Holliday replied that his last update indicated that the department will be paying to have this done to meet the legislative requirements for this report. He also indicated that staff is working to have Infinite Campus as the source for the report.

Brigitte Ramsey inquired whether there is a way to prevent parents from having to recomplete data each year for Infinite Campus.

Dede Conner replied affirmatively but said that not a lot of districts and schools do what is needed to make this happen. David Couch added that the new app and parent portal will help this situation.

Ramsey continued and asked what the process is for requesting a report.

Charles McGrew replied that the person or entity contacts the P-20 data collaborative and the staff work through what is needed if the capacity exists. He noted that the P-20 collaborative has worked with OEA and LRC to get them reports that are needed.

CONTINUED EXPANSION OF SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN ADVANCEKENTUCKY

Joanne Lang, Director of AdvanceKentucky, along with Dale Fleury of the National Math and Science Initiative came forward to discuss the status of this program. Lang said they were here today to announce the fifth cohort of schools, which would consist of sixteen new schools and twelve new districts. Ms. Lang gave the board a handout and referred them to page 2 that listed the new schools and districts along with showing where the other participating schools across the state are located. She emphasized that this program could not operate without its sponsors, including the Kentucky Department of Education and Commissioner of Education as well as the National Math and Science Initiative and others. Lang pointed out that four of five new schools named to the AP honor roll are AdvancedKentucky schools. She went on to say that Kentucky is second in the nation in the percentage of increase of qualifying AP scores and as far as minority gains, the state is second in the nation.

Mr. Fleury then made remarks indicating that five years ago was the beginning of replicating this program in Kentucky and said that the Kentucky's 80 schools represent more participation than any other of the six states in the program. He stated that this is the fourth year of the grant and noted AdvanceKentucky met all of its targets. Fleury commented that next year, AdvanceKentucky will supply 75% of the costs and shared that the National Math and Science Initiative is working on a transition model for the Kentucky program. He said that the National Math and Science Initiative is proud of this work and will continue to work with Kentucky in this area.

Commissioner Holliday emphasized that this is an outstanding program and that he wants to increase support for it. Holliday noted that the department's budget request asked for an increase for AdvanceKentucky, but reported that it was not granted. He said that some dollars will flow from Race to the Top and commented that the department will continue to make an additional funding request in its budget request.

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE 2012 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Coming forward for this item were Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown, Legislative Liaison Tracy Herman and Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai. First, Tracy Herman went through the handout titled "2012 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly" and commented on the bills listed in the handout. She said that it is still possible for some legislation to be passed on April 12 when the General Assembly comes back including the bill dealing with districts of innovation. Herman said that the career and technical education reorganization does not look likely to pass and even though there has been more activity on the compulsory school-age attendance bill, it will not pass. Other items still under consideration, she stated, could be the digital technology and preschool funding pieces. She noted that the career pathways bill passed.

Next, Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai gave a quick summary of the preschool through K-12 budget that was passed by the General Assembly. He noted that the department is slightly less funded than it is today and then said that SEEK was held flat, BOSS underwent an 8.4% cut, LRS had a 4.5% cut across the board and none of the capital requests were funded. Regarding the capital request for KSB/KSD, Desai said that \$600 million more was requested and none was granted. He did say that people needed to keep in mind that out of a \$3.8 billion budget, \$6 million was lost. He also noted that the only increase was in health insurance. Desai said that some unfunded mandates were added in the technology area and pointed out that some other state agencies had 40% cuts. He did say that a 20% increase was requested for KSB and KSD and this were not granted. Instead, he stated, a 4.5% cut had to be made.

Chair David Karem said he had gotten calls from KSB constituents and indicated that he explained the General Assembly's action made the cuts and not the actions of the department or the state board. He went on to say that Roger Marcum and he met with General Assembly members as arranged by Tracy Herman and emphasized that both of them were impressed by Tracy's knowledge and professionalism. Chair Karem pointed out that the chair, vice chair and other members of the board must become more proactive with General Assembly members. He noted that Roger Marcum's connections with many legislators are amazing.

Associate Commissioner Desai went on to say that no dollars were provided for the facilities study and indicated staff will need the board's assistance in deciding how to proceed without funding. He noted that part of the study was related to KSB and KSD and that a solution needs to be found.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chair David Karem announced that the board wanted to recognize and express appreciation to Dorie Combs for her service on the board of education because today would be her last meeting with the board. He said that Dorie's 2008-2012 term is up and she has submitted her resignation due to professional commitments. Karem noted that she also served a previous term on the board in 2002-2006 and said her leadership on the board has included vice chair of the board, chair and member of the P-16 Council, and chair and member of the Curriculum Committee. He commented that Dorie has always been a vocal champion for meeting the needs of students and teachers and indicated she will be missed for her thorough and thoughtful consideration of issues. Karem had Ms. Combs come forward to accept a token of the board's appreciation for her service to the students and educators of Kentucky and for her friendship to her colleagues on the board. She was presented with a framed memento honoring her term of service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Karem announced that the board would recess for lunch and reconvene in the State Board Room in an hour with the Hearing Officer's Report being the first item on the agenda after lunch.

HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT

Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown brought forward the following items for discussion:

- Brown indicated that the board had received a March 29 memorandum from Mary Ann Miller regarding regulations that must be refiled with LRC. He stated that two regulations were attached to this memorandum and that both of these had received extensive public comments and Statements of Consideration were approved by the board in February. He went on to say that the regulations and Statements of Consideration were filed with LRC following the February meeting but were withdrawn due to errors within the Statements of Consideration. Thus, Brown clarified that these two regulations will have to be refiled by April 15 to start the process over. He noted that the regulations will have another public hearing in May and then if any further comments are received, these would be brought to the board in June for consideration. He said that the two regulations are 703 KAR 5:070 that deals with inclusion of special populations and 703 KAR 5:222 that deals with the accountability portion of the new system. Brown pointed out that 703 KAR 5:222 will have a new number, 703 KAR 5:225, due to the refileing. He shared that all of the changes outlined and approved from the Statements of Consideration will be incorporated into the versions of the regulations that will be refiled. Brown then asked for consideration of a motion to approve the refileing of these two regulations.

At this point, Jonathan Parrent moved to approve the refileing of 703 KAR 5:070 and 703 KAR 5:225 (formerly 703 KAR 5:222). Judy Gibbons seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- Brown noted that the one page hearing officer's report that was sent to the board with its meeting packet is self-explanatory.

Brigitte Ramsey then asked about the status of the kindergarten screener regulation.

Kevin Brown responded that this regulation was filed but has been deferred because of a concern with funding. He explained that once the cost of the screener is determined, then a determination will be made whether to move forward with the regulation or come back to the board for reconsideration of the issue.

Commissioner Holliday then noted that a concern exists with the budget language that was just passed by the General Assembly that puts in jeopardy the K-3 and world language program reviews as well as impacting the waiver, kindergarten screener and Early Challenge Grant. He noted that he will be working with the Governor asking for line item vetoes of some of the language in the budget related to these issues.

704 KAR 3:345, EVALUATION GUIDELINES FOR OTHER CERTIFIED STAFF

Coming before the board to discuss this item were Division Director Michael Dailey, Policy Advisor Robin Chandler and Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown. Kevin Brown began the presentation by saying that for the past two years, a committee has been working on the new

teacher and principal evaluation system so that the approach is coming from affected constituencies to help the chance of the new system's success. He explained that the ESEA waiver requires the Kentucky Board of Education to act by June on the components that must be in the new system. Brown explained that the version seen in the first reading of this regulation was different because at the last board meeting it was assumed that Representative Rollins' bill on this topic would pass and so the regulation was drafted to align with that assumption. However, he said that it is evident that the bill will not pass and so the language regarding the new system had to be streamlined and inserted into the existing regulation. Brown went on to say that it would be preferable to have a statute change first followed by passage of the regulation, but commented this will not be possible. He said that normally after a regulation is passed, it is filed to proceed through the regulatory process but explained that the filing of this regulation would be deferred until after the next legislative session.

At this point, Robin Chandler went through the March 29 version of the regulation that was handed out to the board. Chandler stated that the requirements of the waiver have been highlighted within the regulation.

Following the overview of the regulation changes, Chair Karem asked if the board must act on this regulation by June.

Kevin Brown replied affirmatively.

Chair Karem then emphasized that before this regulation comes back to the board in the future, significant interaction needs to occur. He clarified that for now the board can consider the approval of this regulation as placeholder language.

Dorie Combs asked what can be considered as growth measures.

Commissioner Holliday replied that this is for both formative and summative purposes and must be rigorous and comparable across schools. He stated that such things as program reviews and systems like MAP and THINKLINK can be considered as well as project-based learnings. He commented that the discussion on this is beginning as well as the conversation on determining the weight of the summative versus the formative elements.

Mary Gwen Wheeler then asked what the pilot districts are now piloting.

Michael Dailey said that they are piloting various elements of the proposed system but not all of them. He explained that staff will get feedback from the pilots and then this fall a pilot of the whole system as it is proposed will occur.

Commissioner Holliday then suggested a work session for the board in October on this topic so that it would require the usual full day meeting and then half day for the study session.

David Karem said that he was getting consensus from the board that the October work session would be appropriate.

At this point, Roger Marcum moved approval of 704 KAR 3:345 and Brigitte Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

UPDATE ON ESTABLISHING A KENTUCKY FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION

Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and Division Director David Cook came forward to present on this item. Brown noted that handouts labeled 66A and 66B were sent to the board to provide further information on the foundation. He then asked David Cook to provide further details on this.

David Cook explained that this approach is allowing the opportunity to solicit additional dollars for innovation and a partner to scale these innovations up across the state. He indicated he has been in communication with Colorado about the foundation they have and is beginning discussions to think about possible people for a board of trustees and a CEO. He said that the desire is to complete steps for the establishment of the foundation so it can be operating July 1.

Kevin Brown added that the timeline provided to the board shows the steps to occur in the process and stated that when staff comes back in June they will be seeking approval to file the articles of incorporation.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked if it would be a better approach if this comes from the private sector.

Kevin Brown responded that other states are pursuing this kind of approach and staff wants Kentucky to be a participant. He explained that the Prichard Committee is very supportive of the approach.

Chair Karem said it is clear that innovation is the purpose but he suggested to also include raising a corpus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Karem made the following announcements:

- The board will now move to committee meetings with the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee going first followed by the Management Committee. Both meetings will be held in the State Board Room.
- At the end of the Management Committee meeting, the full board will reconvene in the State Board Room.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Action/Discussion Items

1. **Request from the Jefferson County Board of Education for a waiver of requirements relative to the district leadership assessment outlined in 703 KAR 5:180.** Associate Commissioner Susan Allred came forward to present on this item. She assured the board that the process outlined in the staff note would be rigorous.

Mary Gwen Wheeler moved approval of the waiver and Billy Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review Items

1. **704 KAR 7:160, Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Public Schools.** Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown, Division Director Johnny Collett and Policy Advisor Robin Chandler came forward to discuss this item. Kevin Brown began the presentation by saying this regulation is before the board because students are being placed at risk and possibly subjected to physical harm. He noted that the history of the issue is found in the staff note and shared that staff began drafting this regulation in December and then decided more work was needed so that it is now back for another first reading with consideration of final approval in June.

Robin Chandler then went through the draft of the regulation.

Judy Gibbons stressed the need for medical guidance on the language in this regulation and said she looked forward to hearing more about this at the June meeting.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Action/Consent Items

1. **District Facility Plans: Boone, Leslie and Warren County School Districts and Eminence and Erlanger-Elsmere Independent Districts.** Coming forward for this item were Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Tim Lucas. The committee was asked if they had any questions about the facility plans under consideration.

Roger Marcum stated that he appreciated the additional detail that staff is now providing relative to facility plans.

At this point, Jonathan Parrent moved approval of the facility plans. Roger Marcum seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Committee Chair Brigitte Ramsey asked about the role of the board relative to KSB/KSD facilities. Tim Lucas responded that the facilities at the two schools are under the

jurisdiction of the Finance Cabinet and not the SFCC. He explained that a facility process similar to what goes on in districts was done with both schools to produce facility plans.

2. **2011-12 Local District Tax Rates Levied.** Committee Chair Brigitte Ramsey asked if the committee had any questions about the local district tax rates that had been submitted.

Roger Marcum then moved approval of all submitted tax rates and Jonathan Parrent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review Items

1. **Audit Update and Review of the Board's and Commissioner's Expenses.** Coming forward for this item was Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai.

Roger Marcum asked the commissioner to explain the sequestration issue relative to federal funds that he talked about in his weekly blog.

Commissioner Holliday noted that federal law requires there to be an across the board cut to all discretionary spending for the federal budget for January 1, 2013. He indicated this is necessary due to the failure of the super committee to develop budget cuts. Holliday said this means a 9% cut to federal funds for Kentucky and includes funds like Title I, Title II, Carl Perkins, IDEA, etc. He said that this issue is called sequestration.

Roger Marcum then continued and asked for how the newly passed state budget would affect the facilities assessment system.

Hiren Desai replied that no funding was allocated for the system and commented that staff is exploring options and will report back to the board on this issue.

Desai then moved on to the commissioner's and board's expenses and pointed out a new more accurate format is being used to give a picture of the expenditures. He then moved on to the status of the various audits that are either occurring or will occur involving the department.

APPROVAL OF ACTION/CONSENT ITEMS

Brigitte Ramsey moved approval of all submitted district facility plans and all submitted tax rates. Roger Marcum seconded the motion and the board concurred with the motion.

REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE ON ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Judy Gibbons moved approval of the request from the Jefferson County Board of Education for a waiver of requirements relative to the district leadership assessment outlined in 703 KAR 5:180. The board concurred with the motion.

BOARD MEMBER SHARING

The following board members shared activities in which they had been involved:

- Judy Gibbons – Advocacy efforts are occurring in Northern Kentucky with Kentucky’s U.S. Congressman where issues like sequestration and federal cuts are being discussed. Also, the KEAT action team is meeting with state legislators and Stu Silberman is chair of the Tax Reform Commission.
- Jonathan Parrent – He indicated he has been part of Operation Preparation in Muhlenberg County and found it very worthwhile. He said he looks forward to how this initiative will develop in the future.
- Dorie Combs – She attended the induction of the latest members to the Teacher Hall of Fame and said she will be going to Clay County High School on Monday for Operation Preparation. Combs said she will also attend a symposium on the Common Core implementation.
- Roger Marcum – A partnership between St. Catharine College and Washington County for Operation Preparation was put into place and their event was very successful. It included the participation of the commissioner and his wife. He said that plans are to continue this effort in the future.

INTERNAL BOARD BUSINESS

The following items were discussed during this portion of the agenda:

- Mary Ann Miller was asked to give a report on the online board meeting software that is being considered. Miller reported that after considering the required cost and configuration of three vendors for an online board system, the system from the Kentucky School Boards Association has been selected and staff are moving forward to get KSBA’s software configured to accommodate the board’s committee meetings. She explained that once the software is configured satisfactorily, staff will be trained on the system and we will move toward the target of having the August or October board meeting be the first one where the online system will be implemented.
- Mary Gwen Wheeler then asked about the possibility of having online meetings of the board. Kevin Brown responded that there are concerns with the open meetings law on this and said he would investigate and report back to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Martha Jones moved to adjourn the meeting in honor of Dorie Combs’ service to this body and the students of Kentucky. Judy Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

